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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of May 24, 2000, the initial period for response to which expired on August 24, 2000. As September 24, 2000 falls on a Sunday, the Amendment is due along with a petition and fee for a one month extension of time by Monday, September 25, 2000. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. This Amendment is being filed before September 25, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 6, after "1998", insert --pending--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-7 and 9-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.